

Nannie E. Haskins Diary, 1863-1917

Monday morning February 16th '63 Again I have commenced a journal___. I used to keep one but two years ago when the war broke out, I ceased to write in it___. Just when I ought to have continued___. Yes! our country was then perfectly distracted; to arms! to arms! was echoed from every side; volunteer companies were being gotten up all over the country to fly to her rescue; and of course Clarksville did her part, on regiment was immediately enlisted and sent forth___. The 14th Ten regiment ah! what ?a glorious name it has made upon the 18th of July [Battle of Blackburn's Ford]___. I think it was they left dear old Ten and went to Virginia to protect her soil___. The war cry was still heard, and ?in the autumn of the same year ('61) another regiment was sent from this place___. The 49th Ten.

4 My oldest brother enlisted in the former one, and soon my youngest and last went to share his fate with the 49th: They were immediately ordered to Fort Donelson, ah! there they went and there they stay?ed for sometime, Upon the 5th of the following Feb. Fort Henry fell into the hands of the Federals__ F. H. was only a few miles from F. D. consequently a fight there was inevitable__ On the following Sunday the 9th a volunteer company went out under ?command of Maj. Brandon (formerly a Maj. in the 14th Regt.--but being in bad health ?came here[?] to recruit,) scouting our boys were met and overpowered, some made their escape and a few were taken prisoners. Pillar [sic] & staff passed through here to take command of the two regiments at F. D. and the [illeg.] command from Hopkinsville which afterwards went down 5 with John Quarles regiment__ Gen. Floyd went down with some of his men, I saw old Gen Floyd he looked like an old war horse.__ Gen Buckner with part of his command went down from Bowling Green, while all this was going on, Gen A. S. Johnson was moving back from Bowling G. Schirmishing [sic] was going on all Monday and Tuesday__ Wednesday the fight began, Thursday it raged__ Friday was still more furious and Saturday evening was the worst of the battle up to that time, we had whipped them, driven them back, killed slaughtered, whipped them as dogs were never beaten before. There was from 10,000 to 12,000 of our men fighting against from 25,000 to 30,000 of theirs lands land forces, besides their innumerable gun boats which were

6 contending with us__ Sunday morning, ah what terrible news did we hear! That "Fort Donelson" had -- "surrendered"__ Would to God that such a great misfortune had not befallen our young republic __ but I write as if I was complaining against heaven; No after all it may have been for our good, we had been victorious so far and were becoming too sanguinne [sic], now ?we were awakened from lethargy, but it was an awful stroke; our soldiers were worn out fighting and fasting and freezing and after whiping [sic] the Yankee devils they were surrendered prisoners of war; to day just one year ago this terrible disaster took place; and my dear brother was among the number, who was to be sent and incarcerated in a Northern 7 bastile [sic] __ where he languished and __ died__ The sixteenth of February; this is a very pleasant day, it is more like spring than winter, it is so different from this time last year__ it snowed nearly every day during the fight at F. D. it came like a winding sheet f

8 they went any way to get out of reach of the Yankees for it was not known at what moment that the vandals would be here, but fortunately they did not come until all the soldiers had left. One of their gun boats came up with a flag of truce ?on Tuesday of course a white flag was raised over ?the town, for we had no one to try ?to hold the place. On Wednesday they came Gen. Smith, Colns. Cool and Mc Arther; they behaved very ?well. Afterwards Colns Bane & Wright the latter was a black hearted Abolitionist then Coln James who was a perfect gentleman and after him we had a Coln Mason the citizens thought as much of him as could of an enemy then one day in August I have forgotten the date but I 9 think it was either the 14th or 18th [August 18, 1862] our men, under Woodwar [sic] and Johnson came dashing into C[larksville]. The Yanks surrendered without any hesitation we tool some three or four hundred prisoners, one or two canon, a great deal of amunition [sic], many guns horses, about one hundred and fifty wagons and one ambulance. I was as wild that day with delight as I was with grief on the day of the fall of Fort D. Six month since I had seen a confederate. They came dashing in on their old poor horses, dirty clothed and all sorts of armes [sic], they had not band all not even a bugle, or a flag, to tell show to whom they belonged but their old dirty "grey"___ but "fight was in um", and they "tuck" the

10 place and the "Feds" with all their blue broad cloth and brass buttons. They stied [sic] with us until the 7th [sic] of September they left and the Jay hawkers came from Fort Donelson on a thieving expedition, they took off a great many negroes and horses, and among the latter was my beautiful "gallant grey" "Stonewall Jackson", he was a present to me from Pa, I thought a great deal of him because he was all my own, I do wish I had made Woodward a present of him, just to think that my beautiful horse should fall into the hands of those _____ I don't know what to call them. I neglected to say that our men heard that these Yanks werer coming and went to meet them, but as they were 11 in a large force with infantry artilary [sic] and cavalry our men did not attack them but after the Yankees shelled the woods awhile our men retired__ A certain Coln Lowe was in command of these hungary [sic] wolves his report of their visit up here, which was made after they went back, was a ba

12 for mine like the rest was taken at the expense of a broken lock__ I have since heard that he was sent to Mrs. Coln. Lowe as a present from the soldiers, soldiers! on that is not the right title, unless they were soldiers of the d__l certainly not of their country for, if it had not been patriotism that sent caused them to join the army they would not have acted so much like demons. However a description of their stay here was writen [sic] and sent to Jeff Davis, upon the effect of which he issued a proclamation declairing [sic] that if the said Lowe or any of his men were taken they should be treated a "felons". After they left our men came back, then the Yankees and so on until Christmas day, 13 sometimes the two parties would meet near here and have little schirmishes [sic]; sometimes they would fcatch one or two of our men here, They (the Yanks) came in once and sent one of their men on a head dressed as a butter nut of course he was thought to be one of our men, he came in an

14 alighted him off of his horse mounted him, (the horse) himself and rode off, after he came back they burnt the ferry boat and made the young man's father take the oath of allegiance to the C. S. which was not very palitable [sic] I don't suppose. That was the last we heard of the butter nut except that he proved to be a deserter from the Southern Army and a Yankee spy. Well upon Christmas day Coln. Bruce with his "whiskey jug," all and several regiments took possession [sic] of this place and here they have been ever since. And here I am too still writing in my journal, and about those detestible [sic] blue coats, for whom I have such disgust Well I am glad I have at last commenced my diary for I have been wishing to 15 for so long, but have not been able to get a book, now, have got one, I feel like I can come here, as to an old friend and lay my heart open sometimes I feel like writing, when I can not talk for unfortunately I have but one intimate friend and she is far from me

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31 I wish I could never hear of that party again, but for to carry out ettiquette [sic] I've to call on the "honored" next week and talk about the pleasant party. I despise etiquette! I heard Mrs. McKeage was going to give her a little party next Thursday if she does and invites me I will not go I'll declare I won't!!! Saturday. [February] 28th [1863] Some people are old foggies. Monday morning. March 2d I can not study any longer. When the boom of the canon is to be heard, there must be a fight going on somewhere propaly [sic] our men are trying to take Fort Donelson. I don't think I have heard such constant canonauding [sic] since the fall of that place into the hands of the Federals, bomb, bomb, it goes I do believe something is going to take place in our

32 favor, prapaply [sic] the confedrates [sic] will be here in a few days ___ but I am rattling on too fast if our men get to Fort D. probably they will not come here, Oh but if they do what a pleasure it will be to have the "bonnie greys" to look at instead of the "Blue tail flys [sic]" I am perfectly disgusted with the color blue, I never want to see any thing blue again. Oh how I wish this war was over! I hope it will not last another year, no not a month longer; I wish the Yankees would give up they have certainly found out that they can not whip the Southerners_____ Why should the Yankees get no more pay? Because they haves recd checks enough already (?)

38 Friday morning 13th of March [1863] Yesterday and the day before were two of the most beautiful days I ever saw, clear but cold the air was keen and bracing, most too[?] windy__ but without the wind 'twould not have been a March day. A few days ago the news of Van dorn's [sic] capture was received here; At Spring Hill, I believe it was, a little place about 12 miles from Franklin Van Dorn captured four or five regiments of Yankees __ and it was true too for his paroled prisoners passed here day before yesterday [referring to Battle of Thompson's Station]. Those rebels are terrible creatures __ at least of the Feds think so! I think Tuesday was the last time I scribbled in this book, the same day the Yanks brought in some nine or ten prisoners, among them was Capt. Hick Johnson, Mr. Mockerby, Dock...39 McCanley all of the 14th Tennessee regiment __ and a Mr. Headley, of the 1st Ky. cavalry. Woodward's old regiment, and several others whose names I have not heard__ all were let off on street parole the day after they were taken, except Mockerby and Hedley [sic]__ all had to give \$5,000 bond and as those two had no one to go their security they did not get off off; last night they were all sent to Nashville. Yesterday Ma Mary Shackelford, and myself went to Coln. Brices and got a pass to go to see those two who were in confinement. Mr. Mockerby told us a good deal about bro. he was well when he saw him which was the last of January; he is the latest one we have seen from the regt. It made me so mad to such a contemptable [sic] puppy, as ?that little insolent upstart Lieutenant something __McDonel I believe

40 he called himself; he would put his tounge [sic] into every time we would begin to talk, he told us he claimed to be a Kentuckian before he turned Yankyie [sic], that he lived in Louville [sic] when he was a sesesh [sic]__ that he was at Camp Boone with Buckner; but that the devil had him by one hand and his guardian anlgle [sic] by the ?other, but the angel carried him off. I told him I thought doubted wheather [sic] an angel had ever been near him; but certainly his evil genius had pulled him over; every now and then when we would be taking [sic] to the "corn feds" he would throw in some of impertinence until I got tired of it, so I turned and said to him, "We did not come here to see you sir." Ma told me to hush, that I would get myself into trouble but I was not afraid of him and 41 his whole band__ I think it shut him up considerably for he said nothing more to us, if he had I am afraid he would have gotten himself into trouble. I do wish I could write a pretty hand._____

61 Sunday noon 26 of April [1863] There goes a company of the Yankees now. I'll bet any thing that they, are stolen horses who which they are riding; They (the Yanks) haveing been stealing in other words "pressing" all the horses and mules in the country, They have given up all of their old broken down steeds to rest, and are riding splendid "horse mules" now, but they did not come by them honestly. They have stolen all the provisions in the whole country, have pressed wagons and teams, and negroes to work on the fortifications (to shell our town when the confeds [sic] come.) and thar [sic] they are trying to make every body take the oath, even the women; "They can not support people who are not loyal". But here is one who will not tak [sic] an oath, of no any description. One of Coln. Berncl's servants was drowned in Drane's pond last night"

62 Friday evening. The school girls are going to have a queen of May and Sallie Lewis is to be crowned; I have heard the girles [sic] rehearse [sic] once. I think it will be a nice affair; They h said that they had an office for me and were anxious for me to fill it, but that after having waited, having waited a week for me to come back from the country, for fear that I would not come in time to learn it they gave it to some one else, and indeed I was very glad they did so for I would not have accepted it, and would have hated to refused, some how I think these are poor times to be having parties or picnics of any kinds, I do not want to go, but am afraid I will have to. I spent last night with cousin Millie. I must really go and take 63 a nap, as my head aches! + + + + + + + + + + After tea. And I have seen Coln. Brewer; and I am inclined to think him handsome, though I can not well tell as he was lying down;_ his hair is very long, has a very "huge" moustache which is blac

64 It is so seldom that a confederate soldier is seen that they are making quite a lion of him. Nannie Tyler and Nannie McClure are staying out at Mrs. F- Every body that goes up there must go in to see the Coln. I am afraid they will shake the poor fellows arm off out of place. The girles [sic] flatter him so much that I really am afraid expect they will make a fool of him yet, but I believe he is a whole soul southerner. Ma. Pa: and myself walked up to Mrs. Forbes' this afternoon Miss Nannie was worse, Pa remained and has just returned (ten o'clock) says she is no better; poor girl tis sad to see one so young dying with consumption; yes 'tis sad to know that soon she will soon have passed away. There was this Yankees there to see Col. Brewer. Adjutant Boone ? 65 and Busby. (I dont know any title to call put before his surname) Bettie C Garland and I were sitting at one end of the porch Nannie McClure on the other of the steps; when they (the blue coats) came down to leave, of course

76 78 til evening. I recd a letter from Hattie Elliott yesterday this morning Jane Ward and I spent last night with Mrs. Galbraith Tuesday - dusk - 12th Those hateful gun boats! They look like they were from the lower regions. Now this is the second night that four of them have been anchored in the river opposite our house; I know they are frightened. There they have placed their gun boats so that if an attack is made they can shell the town, poor cowards. I can just turn my head now and see the men crawling about on the boats like so many black snakes. Glorious! Glorious. We have whipped Hocker [sic] on the Rappahannock_ We hear that our dear...Old Gen. Stone-Wall Jackson is severely wounded and that A. P. Hill is slightly wounded I hope it is a mistake and if it is true I pray, most sincerely that they may get well. Oh brother if we could only hear from you; I hope that no bad news is awaiting us. Heaven forbid! Marion Drane stayed with me from Friday til Sunday Jane Ward spent last night with me. This morning Florence Johnson came and both of them until evening; Florence is a sweet girl. The Yankee women have turned out during this pretty weather. Ha! Ha! Ha!

80 S Sunday May 17th We have gained great victory at Fredricksburg [sic] - but Oh we have sustained a great loss of our old_ Stone wall is dead. He was severely wounded in the shoulder and it is in all the Yankee papers that he is dead but they do tell so many falsehoods that I hope it is all a mistake Oh God send us another Jackson _ if he has been taken away we have lost two of the greatest men of the present age. Jackson & Johnson A P. Hill is also reported slightly wounded. I pray he may recover _ Our boys must have been in the fight. They are in A.P. Hills division. Stone-wall Jacksons corp. I wonder whose heart is to be mad [sic] sad by his late battle _ I hope that bad news is not awaiting us... I never felt as sad in all my life as I have since this we heard of the fight _ Gen. Van Corn was shot a short time ago at Shelbyville by a Dr. Peterson _ when I heard of this, it make me feel badly, but when I heard of A. P. Hills being wounded and Gen. Jackson killed, I felt miserable as if I could shut myself up in some dark place, where I could see no one and there cry, weep, mourn until the war was over, but now my heart rebels, I feel as if I could fight myself, never see a Yankee but[sic] What I roll my eyes, grit my teeth, and almost shake my fist at him, and then bite my lip involuntarily and turn away in disgust _ God save us! ?

82 Last Wednesday Aunt Harriet was taken very sick and that night another little contraband was added to our number. I want to name the little thing Millie but its mammy wants to call it Sidy - beautiful name (ha; ha; ha;) Yesterday evening Pa brought me one of the most beautiful Guitars I ever saw _ an agreeable astonishment _ I will commence taking lessons again on Monday. Gen. Rosecrans has ish issued orders (No 48) for every body in his lines to take the oath men and ladies over 15. Those who will not take it are to go south. I will not take it certain and Ill not go south either if I dont want to. There is a good deal of excitement in town about it, of course the ? 83 people do not want to take an oath to support their enemy government, and if they are sent south the Yankees will take possession of their property, every thing they do shows more plainly that we are finally to be triumphant _ I believe it _ I feel it _ I _ know it. Friday May 22nd J Stone-wall Jackson is really dead. I cannot say one word upon the death of the great hero. Saturday May 23. Yesterday morning Grand-Ma & Uncle Egbert came in; Pa brought in a list of the killed and wounded _ 59 wounded _ 7 killed in the regiment. Captain Thompson Gus Thompkins [sic] and Mr. Armistead all of Co. A were killed. Edwin Cobb of Co. H severely wounded in the thigh. Seargent [sic] Frank

86 Saturday - May 30th They have force me to sign the parole of honor_ Oh how I do regret it Tomorrow if I could do any thing against them , I would do it; If I was sent to camp Chaise the next moment_ If they would have sent me to some prison I would have gladly gone instead of signing that thing _ but they would have sent me South_ There I would have no where to go_ no money to live on (for all that Pa has that he can possibly spare. He sends to brother and I would be an encumbrance [sic] to the South.

I see from the papers that Vicksburg has not been captured although they have had it taken so often and they even went so far as to fire cannons there in honor of the ? 87 fall of Vicksburg a few days ago_ pooh! Ill bet we capture Grants whole army yet. Tilghman is reported killed but not confirmed_ I dont believe it_ Valandigham has been arrested and sent South_ I do sincerely hope that our men will not receive him. Quite an excitement prevails in the North among the democrats on account of his arrest_ + + + + + Monday evening, June 1st 63 Tis the first of June the fir summer has commenced, a very pretty day. for the morn beginning of the warm season. The flowers are in full bloom_ they are beautiful. Miss Margaret is speaking of having and exhibition on the 26th of this month_ She wants me to play and I dont want to but I reckon

108 Sunday - July - 12th Night before last we heard that brother Ben was well, though a prisoner; he was taken at Gettysburg on the first days fight _ which was the first day of this month _ Yesterday morning Mr. Bringhurst red a letter from his son Ed. Who was also taken prisoner _ and at the same time _ he then on parole in Baltimore, Md. There was eleven of privates of company C that was taken and several from Co. A. They (the privates) was are all one parole. This morning Mrs. Moore recd a letter from her son Luiet. [sic] Moore of Co. C stating that himself and Capt. Moore of the same company were prisoners and confined at Fort McHenry, Baltimore. He said they were not exchanging officers at present and he did not know

109 how long they would remain there _ We have heard nothing from brother except that he was a prisoner. I think those who wrote might at least have mentioned his name; Ed Bringham gave a list of the captured in his letter and said they were all well; brother's name of course was on it _ we suppose that he is at Fort McHenry _ God protect him! I pray that he may keep well and will soon be exchanged. Although the papers have been full of the correspondence between Grant and Pemberton this _ that_ & the other. Pemberton surrendered unconditionally. Grant paroled all the prisoners and gave all commissioned officers their horses. I have not up yet _ 'tis strange that Vicksburg has been captured since ? 110 the 4th of this month and they have never given a list of the prisoners. Pa is now inclined to believe it _ but I am not _ of course my opinion does not amount to much yet I have a right to have one and express it _ to-day I feel almost confident that the late papers say that the fighting was going on _ on the 8th . A dispatch copied from the a Richmond paper says dated the 5th says that all is safe _ The Cincinnati Enquirer of the 7th says gives a long piece about the strength of the place _ They believe it is the greatest strong hold in the Southern Confederacy and then gives the reasons why they think so. Wh The New York World says that in a short time the people will find out as they already have that these reports

111 are all a pack of lies gotten up in Washington _ to get up recruits _ Truthful enemy _ noble
feds _ high - minded Yankees will you ever get your deserts _ echo answers _ Yah! _ Gen.
Morgan has invaded Indiana _ he captured his boats on the Ohio river a few days ago, he has
taken several little towns in In. and is threatening New Albany and some other place When he
frightens them sufficiently there he will take some other place they are not thinking of _ ha! ha!
John you are the man for me. Ben Hering is reported to have been killed at the little battle of
Lebanon a few days ago. When Morgan captured the place and a regiment of Yankees. I hope it
may be a mistake for Ben was ? 112 A brave boy _ he (Ben) was taken prisoner last winter and
every thing he had was stolen from him as soon as he got away from them he and several others
captured the pickets near here and took their horses and pistols and every thing - except clothes
then they rejoined Morgan. _____ I have given up my visit to Mr. Elliotts for a few weeks;
and have been contemplating a visit trip to Louisville & Cincinnatti [sic] though I would go with
Mr. Mumford _ Bobbie & Clay are going _ but now I have given that up also. It seems to me that
I never will go any where that I am destined ever to look on the hills and hollows of Clarksville:
I could go away to live if I wished to but that is not what I want. I never wanted to live any
where except in my

113 own native town: but I think it is natural to wish to travel and see something of the world, however I must try to curb my wild and rest-less spirit. Yesterday being Mr. Blochs birth-day we were all invited down to spend the evening and eat ice-cream which is a great luxury as well as rarity; Ma & my-self went, Mrs. Lettie Mollie & Willie, Mesrs. Vance, Mr. Coats, Mr. George Faxon were there, we had some splendid music; towards the close of the evening Mollie Settle, Mr. Faxon, Mr. Coats & my self sang several pieces together accompanied by Mr. Coats on the Guitar. We had a very pleasant evening Sallie Lewis spent Thursday night with me. Friday morning we called on Mrs. Block ? 114 Sal. liked her very much. I received a letter from my friend Annie Hillman. Yesterday, I want to answer it this evening if I can. Mrs. Block gave me The Lady of Lyons to read - By Bulmar - I have read it and think it is splendid if I had been Claude I should have acted just as he did. I hear cousin Henry Williams in Mas room and must go in to see him. Sunday - noon July 19th One pleasant - week has elapsed since last I wrote in my diary. Last Monday Mr. & Mrs. Rud of Hopkinsville spent the day with us. They came to Clarksville to see Couse[sic] OBrian, Mrs. Rusts brother who had been taken prisoner and brought here. But unfortunately they

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115 (the Yanks) had sent him off. They did not see him. Mr. Rust says that in H_ a perfect despotism exists. They can not talk secesh not even sing southern songs, which we do a good deal here, he says that not long ago two young ladies were walking down the street they pa met two Yankee officers in passing the young ladies turned up their noses, one of the Yanks said Who in the Hell are you I am Miss Dillard now but by the grace of God Ill be Mrs. Tom Morgan, the brother of John before this war is over. He turned to the other lady_ And who in the Devil are you Im now Miss Walker but by the will of Heaven will be Mrs. Tom Woodward by the time this ? 116 war is done. They tossed their heads up and walked off. The Misses Dillard have long since distinguished them selves by the may manner in which they talkeded to the Feds. They were once very wealthy but the Yankees have taken every thing from them. Turned their splendid dwelling house into a hospital but that only seems to make them worse. Last Wednesday three weeks ago it commenced raining and it rained every day (some times during the day or night) except two during which the sun S shone out - four or five days of the time the whole earth seemed to be enveloped in a smoke: Last Wednesday the Sun came out again and ever since we have

117 had pretty weather. The rather cool until yesterday it turned quite warm; to-day it has been very pleasant until since dinner it has clouded up and been raining. Wednesday morning bright and early Willie Settle Sallie Lewis and my-self started out to Uncle Egberts on horse-back; We got there about nine oclock. Willie came back to town to before dinner. Sallie & I had a delightful visit, were riding nearly all the time; one evening we went down to the Spring and waded in the branch, both of us regreted [sic] when the time came for us to come home, which was yesterday morning. Last night we received the first letter from brother since he had been taken prisoner. ? 118 He and the other officers have been sent to Fort Delaware, Gen. Archer is there. Brother says he is need of clothing. Pa is trying to make some arrangement to have his wants provided for. Last night George Faxon recd a letter from Theo. Hartman, who was taken prisoner on the third days fight, he gives a few casualties in the regiment _ Willie McCulloch was killed, he fell pierced through the head by a Minnie ball. Charley Mitchell was wounded, Bob Shackelford was wounded and taken prisoner, he said that Irwin Beaumont fell but he did not know wheather [sic] he was wounded or killed. I hope it is not thet latter. He spoke of several others but I do not remem-

119 ber there names as I did not know them. I hope we will soon get all the particulars.

Yesterday I recd a letter from Mollie Bense, thinking I was once more going to hear from a dear friend I tore the letter open in haste; but what was my great astonishment when I read it, a cold harsh abusive letter, she blamed me with being the cause of their (Fletcher Beaumonts and her) engagement being broken off. I had to read it over and over again before I could understand it. She says that you have ruined the happiness of two noble natures for ever Ever-more you are my bitter enemy To think that I who have ever been a friend of hers and Fletchers should now be charged with such a crime ? 120 Ah! Mollie you dont know what you are doing. I think Mollie has been disappointed in some love affair and now wants to vent her feelings on me, because I am the only one who knows any thing about the affair between herself and Fletcher. The latter wrote me word from prison last April one year ago that he had been released from tl his engagement to Mollie Bense that he received an abusive letter from her and that through justice to himself he could no longer keep the promise to marry her; I have his letter to show her if we ever meet again, and I intend to keep her letter to show Fletch if he ever returns; and let him see that

121 The one who he chose for a confidant has been accused of breaking off destroying the happiness of himself and the one who he once so dearly loved. I say once for I dont believe he loves her yet. I wish I could see him and prove to him that I have been true as his friend; if Mollie has not been as his betrothed. I do not hate her for the course she has persued [sic] I only pitty [sic] her. Yet I will not condescend to answer her insulting letter.

122 Friday - morning - July 24th There is a Federal hospital near here; for two or three days we have been hearing the groans of one poor fellow; he seems to suffer so much, I heard that he had been wounded some how. Now I hear him again. I feel for him if I could relieve him of pain most cheerfully would I do it. I feel that when they are sick or wounded they are no longer enemies. Last-night I could hear his groans til [sic] late in the night I actually felt as if I would be willing to suffer his pain if it would relive him; not with-standing I knew nothing about him. Never even saw him or heard his name _ and he was a federal; but I do hope he may soon get well. Mrs. Roberts of Ruselsville [sic] an old friend and school-mate of Mas

123 and her daughter Sallie spent the day here; She ~ is visiting her cousin Mrs. Moore of this place; I think Mrs. R and her daughter are very interesting, particularly the later on Tuesday I called on Sallie. Monday afternoon Mrs. Sears of Hopkinsville came here she was on her way South to see her husband, who had been driven off from H_ville when the Yankees went there none months ago on account of his Southern principles. She heard from him by Mrs. Jackson who was visiting Clarksville, Mr. Sears was at Mrs. Jacksons house when she came up here she (Mrs. Jackson) lives at some Iron-works between here and Dixie. It is a perfect rendezvous for Southern Soldiers. ? 124 Tuesday Wednesday morning Mrs. Jackson went home and Mrs. Sears went with her Ma recd a note from the latter saying she had gotten safely there and was with Mr. S. Wednesday morning I went up to call on the Misses Wheeler they are remaining with Mary Shackelford, I like them very well. The youngest is the prettiest, the oldest one the smartest, Their brother young Mr. Wheeler once belonged to Coln. Woodward's command, he was discharged [sic] several months ago; not long since he found some bodys pass from Clarksville he said he believed he would come here on it. Some of his young gents acquaintances dared him to do it; so he came and assumed the name which was on the

125 pass, but some mean somebody recognizing him reported him to Head Quarters he was arrested and is now being tried as a spy_ I hope he may be acquitted. [sic] Wednesday evening Ma & I walk out, when we came back there was an note here from Mrs. Phil Poindexter introducing her sister Mrs. Fry to us, of Washington city who was then at Spurrier Hotel. After tea Pa Ma and I went down to call on her_ She is a charming woman; very homely but facinating. [sic] I never saw two sisters more different than Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Poindexter. Major Fry (the formers husband) id has pay been pay master at Washington, but he has been lately ordered to California where he will pay those who fight against the Indians and not ? 126 the Southerners_ She, Mrs. Fry says there is some consolation in that. I think she came home and spent the night with us; That night about 1 Oclock a man came and brought a note from Major Poindexter saying the Mr. Phil was dead. Mrs. Fry had been out there a week with her sister Lon, [sic] upon hearing the news of Mr. Ps death was very much distressed that she could not return to her, but her husband (Major Fry) was then waiting in West Fork for her to start immeadiately [sic] to California so she left here yesterday morning on the 6 Oclock train for Louisville Mr. Poindexter has been sic some time with Consumption lately he has been sinking ra-

127 pidly. Sunday night we received another latter from brother Ben. Yesterday morning Tina [sic] Cobb and Sallie Lenit came to see T me. I was some what astonished at Tinas coming after what I said to her about her Yankee beau; but I dont belive [sic] she has any principle. She carried on shamefully about him yesterday, any girl that had one particle of modesty would not have talked as she did. She need not come here I never intend going to see her again. I intend going to see Mannie when she come home from St. Louis. Mrs. Block sent for me to come down there last night she had company, but I ? 128 could not go. I am afraid I will yet have to believe that Vicksburg is taken. Bobbie Killebrew returned from Louisville last Sunday and brought me a beautiful pair of Ear rings to corespond [sic] with the Jet and Pearl breast pin which she gave me last Fall. Saturday - morning. July 25 When several La very warm days we are now having a refreshing rain; I hope we may not have a long wet-spell, like the last. Yesterday afternoon I went up to see Marion Stewart she has been complaining for some time, looks badly, it distresses me to see Marion looking so thin, she used to be so plump and pretty; Marion is a sweet girl but a per-

nell _ persons scarcely think while I am laughing, singing, playing & dancing, I am miserable and do not enjoy it. Dear! Dear! I must conquer this spirit. Sunday night _ 12, June Last Tuesday morning Mr. Pollard came for me to go out to his house _ That cousin Frank Williamson was there. I went and remained til [sic] Friday evening _ had a very pleasant visit; Grand Ma was there with little Lennie. Cousin Frank and Lucy came home with me this afternoon they went out to Mr. Cross will remain till tomorrow. While I was gone to the

country I was invited to spend the day out at Dr. Dosms _ Mrs. Block, cousin Mattie & Millie Felss Ophilia Fowlkes, Mollie Settle and several others went out on the oars _ Alice Rice returned with Mrs. B. and is still there_ Mary Jane Britten came in for me to go out to a party at Mr. John Thomass it was given to Gilma T. he came down to Mrs. B.s thinking I was there, to invite us _ Mary Jane came in for me, but I was not at home. Last night Mr. & Mrs. Block Messers. Simms & David B. and Alice Rice came ? up after tea and we had Ice cream Strawberries and Cake _ I hope they had a pleasant time. I received a letter from brother yesterday Our concert will be next Friday night. + + + + + I despise myself _ I wish I never had been born. Oh! My God _ + + + + + Friday June 24 I have just sent Mollie Phillips a boquet.[sic] She expects to leave here for home to night. The concert came off last Friday night. I think it was a poor thing. Tho [sic] some seemed to like it very well _ Uncle

Monday - - 4th day of July. The 4th of July_ can it be. O yes! This is the day we used to take such delight in celebrating_ Now Oh I shiver to think how it is desecrated_ The Negros & Yankees are having a big picnic to-day_ They have been passing here in great droves together_ It makes me sick at heart. I will now try to change my sad feelings to cheerful ones by going to see Jamie & Heather. Tuesday 12th. 9 oclk. [sic] A. M. I have been very sick since last Wednesday_ Tuesday night Willie Newell went to the Thespian with Hattie & I_ They played the Seven Clerks & Fish Out of Water Wednesday Ma & I crossed

They will not go _ if that trip is given out Lat [sic] & I will go to Russellville as I re cd. A letter from Sallie Roberts last week pressing us to come. Glorious news last night Lee is near Baltimore_ Washington city in great danger ! ! ! ! ! Thursday 14th Fighting on the 12th in seven miles of Washington city. Gen. Franklin & staff captured by rebels _ great excitement prevailing _ 100 days recruits being called for; They fear another riot in New York Rebels in four miles of Baltimore, telegraphic lines all cut between Washington & Baltimore everything in a stir.

Guerrillas are all over the country, there are a thousand between Louisville & Henderson firing into boats and getting horses from the Southern army. The Journal has been rather gloomy for several days, old Prentice has the blue devils. The Florida is playing the wild with their vessels on the Sea _ Ill declare it is a perfect shame _The whole country is alive with robbers every night we hear of a new robbery and sometimes murder_ Pa & Ma Linley have gone to-day to attend to a man & his wife who were shot by robbers night before last_ Every minute in the ? day we hear of some thing startling, which four years ago would make us shake in our shoes_ now merely give them a passing thought. War has hardened us. Small pox again in town. Mr. Andrew Ewing is dead_ he died in Atlanta Ga. a short time ago. In a recent letter from brother he wrote word that General Archer had been sent to Charleston S. C. to be put under fire_ The friends they say it to retaliate for some of their men in the same situation_ but the lied_ I pray god not a hair of his head may be touched.

field_We had some fine music. Messrs. Z & W. James & I went off into one corner and played euchre_drunk toast to each other, some of which were quite amusing. Pa had taken a little boy to live with us; Zac. Belrtten [sic] Oct. Thursday 28th Friday after tea Mr. Gates called, to say good bye as he was going away next morning. Mollie Phillips spent Saturday night with me. Sunday cousins Fannie & Mattie Williams & little Rae spent the day with us. I went home with him & staid all night at cousin Sarahs_ Monday night with Mollie Phillips I & both were delightful visits. Mollie is going to St. Louis in two or three weeks. Hattie came home today a ? week ago. I have seen her but twice. She brought me a beautiful Flower holder from Nash. I highly appreciated it coming from Hattie. Mr. Pitt has been visiting us from Missouri [sic]. Bettie Garland, Nannie Tylor, Emma Robb, Marion Stewart & Juliet McDaniel have been visiting the Louisa Furnace. They saw Mr. Lyon and all of his men and they (tho rebs) passed Smith. Oh how I envy them. Ed Lenrs, Charley Barken & Capt. Van Lierre were with him (the girls) but they skedaddled when the rebs came along. Lem Howse came in town last week & got him a horse. Lynch Smith is now in the neighborhood of Clarksville with several others. I recd. a letter from Anna

Adams a few days ago. She is near Plaquemine. I was delighted to hear from her once again. Johnnie Brimm is certainly married Rained all yesterday_ still cloudy. Mrs. Bloch is quite sick. They are going to send four thousand refugees here from East Tennessee_ Mostly union cowards. They are teaching negro school in the basement of the Methodist & Cumberland churches. Saturday night, 29th Here I have been standing for a long time thinking of them. Oh if I could only for a moment see that face that I love better than any thing in this wide world. If you knew with what fond devotion I pour over your picture

To the Girls over the lines: in hearing that some of them had so far forgotten themselves as to receive the attentions of Yankee Officers. This little piece of doggerel is respectfully Dedicated by John W. Faxon. 1 Dont flirt with Yankee officers. Or meet them with bright smiles. Nor allow your under heart to be Won by their tempting Wiles. The time will come, when will be home, And oh how sad twill be To know that youve been captured By Yankee subltily [sic] --2-- Be patient in you sufferings. The conquest soon will end; Youll see our star-crossed banner get High in the air ascend; ? While victory, our shout will be As we march to your sides Our laurels place upon you brows And claim you for our brides. --3-- We meet our foes with earnestness: (The murdering pilfering knaves) With bloody hands we welcome them To hospitable graves. For Mothers, wives [sic] and sweethearts lives Our hearts are with you all the while time Youll in our glories share --4-- Then show the vile and miscreant foe A hatred broad and deep; Behind their smiles the serpents coiled And in their hearts doth sleep. The blood red shed, our brothers dead Call to you from on high Dont flirt with Yankee Officers

Wed rather see die. =====
Composed on the Battle - field Near Petersburg, VA July 1864 =====
===== 1864 Thursday morning Novem. [sic] 3d. I am very
hungry_ I wish the breakfast bell would ring. It has been raining since night before last_ gloomy
weather is acceptable some times_ Particularly when one has some sewing to do. Last Friday
night Zack was arrested by the Yankees_ kept one night in the Gard [sic] house for throwing at a
little-devil of a negro. I went to the Methodist church Sunday morning; That evening to the
Espicopal [sic] Sabbath school. Then I met Kattie & after school Tim (Pritchett

Major Owen. Monday Dec. 5th Hood has captured Columbia & Franklin several days ago. The latest reports are that he (Hood) has sent in a truce demanding the surrender of Nashville_ They were fighting there yesterday. Coln. Atkins, Chas. Railey, Chas. Cooper & Chs. Shanklin were captured_ Theo. Miller, Willie Cooper & Greenfield Quarter were slightly wounded. These are all of our friends that we have heard from. Forrest is on this his river of Cumberland, has blockaded the river. Lion is some where in the woods. There is great consternation here among the Yankees. Last night three thousand Yanks arrive here from Johnsonville. They camped on the opposite side of the river, we could see all of their camp fires last night, it was a great night

They have been all day crossing the river & are still passing on through on their way to it. I hope & pray that Forrest may catch them_ That name Forrest strikes terror in their hearts_ Oh Rebs come on to Clarksville we are so tired waiting for you. These men from Johnsonville went so far as Charlotte on the road to it. But fearing that the Rebels were after him they turned up quantities of clothes & provisions & skedaddled to Cl. When in four miles of this place they were attacked by 4 men (who were on their way South) and killed four Yankees. Berry Linnell left Canada some time since_ Passed thru Ky. And in a few miles of this place on the road to Dixie and Freedom_ Hirrah [sic] for Jeff. I went to the Catholic church yesterday

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wounded poor fellow! Sue Ellen Mrs. Anderson & Mr. Campbell took dinner with us Sunday Ma
is a great deal better. Walking about and attending to things. Tuesday morning April 4th 65 A
dispatch came here this morning to the effect that Richmond had been captured_ Though they
have been fighting there for several days, I cannot believe it_ The Yankees are always
perpetuating some lie. Cannons have been firing all day. _ _ _ _ _ Ron Williams spent
last night with me. Wednesday 5th Apr. Yesterday late in the afternoon Coln. Smith (the
commandant here) issued a circular requesting all loyal citizens to illuminate last

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her hair as a lady; thinking the vase of Easter offerings not political enough walks up very boldly during the sermon and drops a knot of blue ribbon in a white Lilly thereby completing the Red, White & Blue, Mr. Ringgold quickly threw it out, She (the brazen impe) raised herself dashed the flowers to the floor folded her arms and looked as defiant as the Devil himself_ She ought to be drummed ff out of creation. Received this week the letters from Capt. Rochester_ two from Corbett_ one from Jack Anderson. Have not heard a word from brother We are very anxious and uneasy. My eyes are very weak, have been wearing the spectacles for a few days. ? I took dinner at Mr. Vances yesterday. Mr. Rust has been to see us. Sunday afternoon 30th. Gen. Jo. E. Johnson has surrendered his army. Booth the assassin of Lincoln is reported killed a few days ago. Dick Johnson, Polk Johnson, Billy Green, William Daniel, Bob Moore and several others have returned home paroled prisoners from Lees army. The report Brother gave Janther [sic] Smith [sic] Monday May 8th. Cloudy, Showery The boys are still coming home. We can hear nothing from Brother_ It is reported that all of the commands have surrendered

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except that of Kirby Smith. Wade Hampton refused to surrenders I admire his sentiments but
fear for the result. Surely this must be a Dark dream; Is there no Smith? An army to avenge our
wrongs_ Ari Has our beautiful Dixie been overrun by the vile and ruthless Yankees_ Can it be
that the great Lee & Johnson are prisoners_ Oh God! _____
For four long years the war has lasted_ For four years a brave people have contested for their
rights, For four years lives and means have been sacrificed upon the Alter of Liberty_ But Alas,
they have been overcome by numbers ? (Davis) Our good and patriotic President who tried to do
what was best for our country made some melancholy mistakes, thus it was that our stand points
were broken_ While our army was small in comparison with that of the enemy, every man in the
South was over 16 years and under 50 years was in the army_ from Yankeedom they only sent
off the scurf [sic]_ Gen. Grant himself is a second or third class man. Gen. Johnston was
removed last summer. Hind succeeded him_ He (Hind) came to Tennessee and allowed Sherman
to pass through the South. At Franklin & Nashville he sacrificed thousands in killed & wounded
and prisoners while h

could not spare one man: demoralized [sic] the army and returned with a diminished army has
number was forced to send a portion of his army to Johnson. While he not was scarcely sufficient
to sustain himself; they were forced to evacuate Richmond; in retreating [sic] they were
completely surrounded. It is too horrible to contemplate _____
I pray for Davis and Cabinet. _____ The poor prisoners what
will become of them. Sunday evening 15/2 o'clock [sic] May 21st. Davis was captured almost a
week ago. Our men are constantly coming home. Cousin Logan is now with us. Mr. Kenedy,
Jimmie Lockert,

Baker, Johnson and many others have just arrived. Cousin Millie Williams and Mr. Franks [sic] were married last Wednesday morning at Five oclock cousin at Trinity Church by Mr. Ringold_ Mr. Westerfield & I waited together. Mr. Bryan & Lucy Bryaly, Mollie Boyd and Mr. Blair, Mollie Williams and Mr. Bryally. All of the party except Mr. Blair, Mr. Bryan & I went to Louisville with them. Very very warm. Wednesday 24th of May This is my nineteenth birth-day. I am getting old old so old. Nineteen. Brother has not yet come. I am so disappointed, am heart sick. The boys are coming in all the time. Why

is it that he does not come! I dread to hear from him. Wednesday evening Jimmie Lockert, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Holtsman, Mr. Bert Beall, Mr. Prunskey, [sic] and cousin Logan took tea with us also Hattie & Jane home_ A good many of the soldiers have called to see me, I am very proud of them. The Cars have not been down since last Saturday evening, on account of the sudden rise in the river. Mrs. Winnfred is here to-day. Friday afternoon 26th. I went home with Mrs. Winnfred Wednesday had more Came home yesterday Bobbie Killebrew returned with me and stayed till this evening. Rained yesterday, since quite cool. River still high, Still no cars

We rode horse back once and twice a day. Saw a good many return soldiers in the country. _ _
_They had a concert about three weeks ago, Gotten up by Marion Leinart [sic] & the young ladies, Last Thursday and Friday nights they had Tableaux, Charades, and comic songs and a little Drummer. The Loan of a Loren All for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. We are looking daily for Brother Monday 18th. Brother came last evening in the cars, he left Lynchburg on cars Monday morning has been traveling ever since; he is quite thin but I hope he will look better after he gets over the fatigue [sic] of travelling. I cant reylize [sic] that I have a brother at home. Junior Beaumont came home Thursday evening, he is looking quite well to have been suffering such a sever wound. ? [image of a face] He, Junior, did not know that Florence had married a Yankee till he got home. He is very much distressed about her acting so sorry he never wants to see her again_she ran away. Last night they sent for Pa to go out to the country to se Aunt Lucy Beaumont. I fear she is very ill.